

**From the Fathers (and others):**

Those who pray without ceasing (cf. I Thess. 5:17) are waiting entirely on the Lord, and say, 'Let us follow on to know the Lord: we shall find Him ready as the morning; and He will come to us as the early and the latter rain for the earth' (Hos. 6:3). For not only does He satisfy them in the morning; neither does He give them only as much to drink as they ask; but He gives them abundantly according to the multitude of His loving-kindness, vouchsafing to them at all times the grace of the Spirit.

St. Athanasius

"Let this always be the aim of your conduct: to be courteous and respectful to all."

St. Isaac the Syrian

The flood of temporal things draws us after itself, but in this flood there is, as it were, a full-grown tree: our Lord Jesus Christ. He took flesh, died, and ascended to heaven. It is as if He agreed to be in the flood of the temporal. Is this stream dragging you headlong? Hold on to Christ. He became temporal for you, so that you might become eternal, for He became temporal in such a way that He remained eternal. What difference is there between two men in a prison when one of them is a convict and the other a visitor! Sometimes a man comes to visit his friend, and it seems that both are in prison, but there is a great difference between them. One of them is held there because of guilt, while the other has come out of love for mankind. Thus it is with our mortality: guilt holds us here, but Christ had come out of mercy. He came freely into bondage, and not as a convict.

St. Augustine

Everything is possible for the believer. I have watched impure souls mad for physical love but turning what they know of such love into a reason for penance and transferring that same capacity for love to the Lord. I have watched them master fear so as to drive themselves unsparingly toward the love of God. That is why, when talking of that chaste harlot, the Lord does not say, 'because she feared,' but rather, 'because she loved much' she was able to drive out love with love (Lk. 7:47).

St. John Climacus

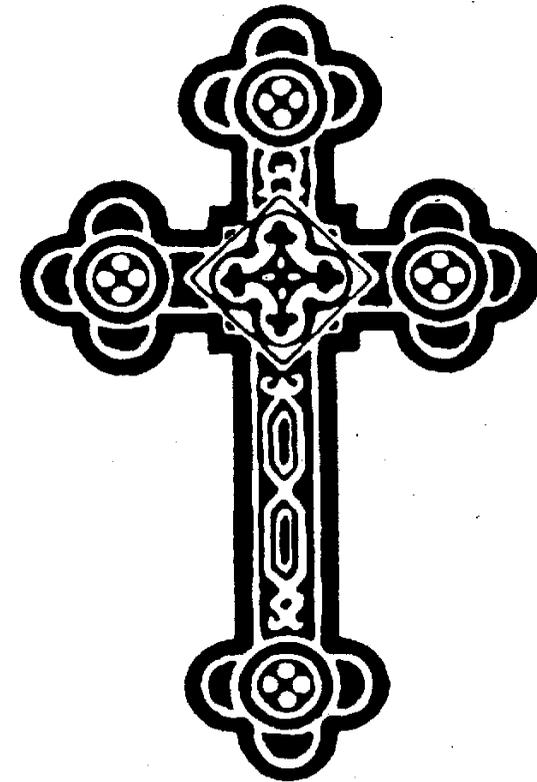
"There would be no need for sermons, if our lives were shining; there would be no need for words, if we bore witness with our deeds. There would be no more pagans, if we were true Christians."

St. John Chrysostom

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## St. John Orthodox Church

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*~ May 14, 2017 ~  
Sunday of the  
Samaritan Woman*

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**Rev. Fr. Alexander Mackoul**  
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**GREAT VESPERS**  
Saturday, 6:00 p.m.

**ORTHROS and CHURCH SCHOOL**  
Sunday, 9:00 a.m.

**DIVINE LITURGY**  
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

*Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America*  
*"...the Disciples were called Christians first in Antioch!"*  
*Acts 11:26*

## May 14, 2017

### Sunday of the Samaritan Woman

**Epistle: Acts 11:19-20**

**Gospel: John 4:5-42**

The Holy Bread for Eucharist is offered by **Margaret McKelroy**.

Welcome to all those visiting St. John Orthodox Church. We are honored by your presence. It is our sincere desire that your participation today in the Divine Liturgy will draw you closer to Christ and His Church.

If you are from a non-Orthodox background you may see new things such as icons, incense, the sign of the cross, the veneration of saints, and a great deal of standing. These can be perplexing to the uninitiated eye. Rest assured that everything we do has a solid biblical foundation and a long history among Christian people. Please feel free to participate where you feel comfortable, and feel equally as free only to observe when you prefer.

The Orthodox Church understands the Eucharist, or Lord's Supper, to be – among other things – the paramount expression of Christian unity. While it is our deepest hope that Christendom will one day fulfill Christ's desire for true unity among all those who claim His name (John 17:21), the unfortunate reality of our day is that the various segments of Christendom are not unified with the historic Orthodox faith. *Since participation in the Eucharist expresses a unity with all the dogma and practice of the Orthodox Church, non-Orthodox guests do not receive Holy Communion.* The Holy Eucharist is reserved for those members of the Orthodox Church who have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting, and recent confession. All visitors and unprepared Orthodox are invited to partake of the blessed bread as they come forward to venerate the cross at the end of the Liturgy. Thank you for your understanding.

## ST. JOHN CALENDAR

May 14 – 21 (\*Wed. & Fri. fast)

- Sunday** -Teen Group, no meeting today  
**Monday** -First Hour, 6:45 a.m.  
**Tuesday** -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.  
**Wednesday** -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.  
-Vespers, 5:30 p.m., meal following  
-NO Wednesday Teaching  
-Parish Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.  
-Choir rehearsal, 7:00 p.m.  
**Thursday** -Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.  
-Men's Quarterly Dinner, 6:30 p.m.  
**Friday** -First Hour, 6:45 a.m.  
-Third Hour, 9:00 a.m.  
-Sixth Hour, 12:00 p.m.  
**Saturday** -Ninth Hour and Great Vespers, 5:50 p.m.  
**Sunday** -Orthros & Church School, 9:00 a.m.  
-Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.

### DIVINE LITURGY – Blindman

**Sunday, May 21, 10:00 a.m.**

PRIEST:	Fr. Philip	HOMILY:	Fr. Philip
READER:	Matt Spinolo	USHER:	Dan O'Brien
HOLY BREAD:	Trish Ratliff		
ALTAR SERVERS:	Zach, Eli, Thomas, Paul, James		
COFFEE HOUR:	Stephanie Harants, the Harvey family		

### MEMORIAL TODAY

Elfrieda Drobashevksy, 40 days

**\* Fasting Note:** With the blessing of the Synod of Antioch, a katalysis for fish, wine and oil is granted for all Wednesdays and Fridays of the Pentecostarion (the period between Pascha and Pentecost).

## COMMEMORATIONS

**May 14:** Martyr Isidore of Chios; Hieromartyr Therapont; New-martyrs John of Bulgaria and Mark of Crete; Venerable Isidore of Rostov, fool-for-Christ.

**May 15:** Achilles, bishop of Larisa; Venerable Pachomios the Great; Martyr Barbaros the myrrh-streaming of Corfu; Isaiah, bishop of Rostov; Andrew the hermit; Titos, bishop of Crete; Demetrios, prince of Moscow.

**May 16:** Venerable Theodore the Sanctified, disciple of Pachomios the Great; Alexander, archbishop of Jerusalem; New-martyr Nicholas of Metsov; Venerable Ephraim of Perekop, wonder-worker of Novogorod.

**May 17:** Apostle Andronikos and Junia of the Seventy; Anthanasios the New, bishop of Christianopolis; Venerable Nektarios and Theophanes.

**May 18:** Martyrs Peter, Dionysios, Andrew, Paul, Christina, Heraklios, Paulinos and Benedimos; Stephen the New, patriarch of Constantinople.

**May 19:** Hieromartyr Patrick, bishop of Prussa; Martyrs Menander and Philetairos; Venerable Cornelios of Komelsk; Grand Prince Dimitry of Donskoy of Moscow.

**May 20:** Martyrs Thallelaios of Cilicia, Nikostratos and Antiochos; Venerable Nikitas, John and Joseph of Chios; Lydia of Philippisia; uncovering of the relics of Alexis the wonder-worker, metropolitan of Moscow; Venerable Stephen of Piper.

**May 21:** Equals-to-the-Apostles Emperor Constantine and his mother Helena; Prince Constantine and his children, Michael and Theodore, wonder-workers of Murom.



## ST. JOHN COMMUNITY



### **Men of St. John**

**Sons of Thunder** – Men’s book club will be meeting at 6:30 on Sunday May 21st at Fr Philip's home. They will be discussing *Silence* by Shusaku Endo. All men are welcome, please bring a side dish or beverage.

**Quarterly Men’s Dinner** – The men will have their quarterly dinner at Central BBQ on Summer May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

**New AWSJ Bible Study** – The women of St. John will begin a study of the book of Job using Patrick Henry Reardon’s *Trial of Job*. This will be an evening gathering, beginning at 7:00 p.m; we will rotate locations each month. Claire van Drimmelen will be hosting this month, Monday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Coffee Hour** – Remember, in many ways coffee hour is a ministry. If you are able to serve in this capacity, please sign up online or contact Anna Pashchinskaya. Links for all sign ups can be found on our website under “Parish – Online Sign Ups and Assignments.” There are numerous slots still available.

**Church School** – Our last day of church school will be next Sunday, May 21. Thank you for allowing us to grow with your children this year!

### **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd –**

**Level 1 Atrium:** Children will begin in the Level 1 atrium when they are 3 ½ years old (by Sept. 1). If your child was **3 years old by March 1, 2017**, then they will be joining us in the atrium this fall! Be on the lookout this summer for more information regarding our upcoming year. Please contact Claire van Drimmelen with any questions.

**St. Brigid Food Pantry** – Karen Wells is looking for volunteers to fill and hand out food bags for the food pantry on Wednesdays, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Please contact her if you would like to serve our community in this way.

**Online Donations** – You may now make your tithes and donations to the new parish hall online! Simply click on the “Donate” button on the right-hand side of the homepage of the St. John website (underneath the calendar).

<b>DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS</b>			<b>May 7 -14</b>	
Sunday	Acts	9:32-42	John	5:1-15
Monday	1 John	1:1-7	John	19:25-28, 21:24-25
Tuesday	1 Thessalonians	2:14-20	Luke	4:22-30
Wednesday	Acts	14:6-18	John	7:14-30
Thursday	Colossians	3:12-16	John	5:12-20
Friday	Acts	10:44-48, 11:1-10	John	8:21-30
Saturday	Acts	12:1-11	John	8:31-42
Sunday	Acts	11:19-30	John	4:5-42

**Pray for our catechumens: Memphis** –Justin Bowles, Lucas Whatley.

**Please remember in your prayers** - Mary Clark, Ann Hicks (Dianna Hildebrand’s mother), Charles Ingram, Ted Greathouse (Shelley Snowden’s father), Allen Sudduth (Paul’s father), Janet Berry, Nicholas Hill, Mary Sue Johnson (Jason Guntharpe’s grandmother), Caitlyn Maas (pregnant), Lawrence Elliott (pregnant), Beth Autrey (pregnant), Ernestine Pruitt (Nicholas Hill’s mother), Brenda Thomas, Doris & Jim (Brenda Thomas’ family), Dot Lawson (Lawson Bowick’s grandmother), Lisa Catlett (Fr. Don & Kh. Martha’s daughter), Glenda Brooks, Anna Grace (Joyce Grossman’s granddaughter), Maria Bellaflores, Sharon (Larry Ichniowski’s mother), Chris Hodges, those suffering in the Middle East, most especially the Christians.

## Master Plan Updates

**Progress on building** – The roof is on! Slowly but surely, things are moving forward. The interior doors have been framed and so much background work is being done so that the sheetrock and finishing touches can be finished in a timely manner. Lord willing, this week we hope to pick out the final flooring choices. Thank you for your continued prayers!!

**Fund raising** – Thank you for your help thus far!! There are pledge cards for the building fund available downstairs. Every little bit helps!

## Women of St. John – AWSJ Calendar

- May 22** Women’s Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., Claire van Drimmelen’s home  
**June 12** AWSJ Book Club will be discussing *The Fifth Gospel* by Ian Caldwell  
    **Upcoming:** July 17 - *The Summer before the War* by Helen Simonson  
**June 8** Women’s Teaching, 10:00 a.m. – *Contact Trish if you would like to host.*

## Upcoming Special Services

- May 24** Divine Liturgy for Ascension, 6:00 p.m.  
**May 28** Churching – Caitlin & Joseph Romero, and Chelsea & Andrew Yadron  
**June 24** Holy Baptism of Anna Finley

## Birthdays, Anniversaries, & Namedays

- Monday, 5/15:** Oliver Iconaru, Buddy Lyons, Katelyn Shleweet  
Anniversary: Jay & Janna Knight  
**Tuesday, 5/16:** *St. Brendan: William Maas*  
Anniversary: Mitch & Sandy Childress  
**Wednesday, 5/17:** Ellie Moore  
*St. Melangell: Sarah Ortwein*  
**Thursday, 5/18:** Buddy Bowick, Jeff Boone  
**Friday, 5/19:** Ervin Romero  
**Saturday, 5/20:** Anniversary: Dn. Charles & Sh. Margaret, Trent & Judy Terry, Ervin & Caitlin Romero

## Library Lines

Today is the movable feast of St. Photini. Her feast days are the fourth Sunday after Pascha and February 26. She is the patron of several parishioners and is known to all of us as the woman of whom Christ asked water at Jacob’s well. She is commemorated with her two sons, five sisters, St. Sebastian, and Domnina, the daughter of Nero. When St. Photini learned that her sons and Sebastian had been arrested by Nero, she and her sisters journeyed to Rome and lived under the supervision of Domnina, the daughter of Nero, who was then converted by them. The emperor subjected Photini, her family and all the converts to cruel torments and then imprisoned them for three years. They were then flayed, one was torn apart and some beheaded. St. Photini gave her life to God after being thrown into a well.

This week our commemorations include a fool, a princess and a child. Sunday we honor the Venerable Isidore, the Fool-For-Christ (5/14). He lived a privileged childhood in Germany, but left home to find the Kingdom of God. He converted to Orthodoxy from Catholicism and wandered to Russia. He made his home in a wooden shack in Rostov. During the day he acted like a crazy man yet he was compassionate and worked miracles. By night, he slept little, praising God in all night vigils. In 1474 the townsmen discovered his body when they passed by his hut and smelled a sweet fragrance. The OCA website says that according to S.A. Bulgakov’s *Handbook for Clergy*, he was called Isidore Tvgerdislov, meaning “constant of word”, because he talked constantly. Read about a modern-day fool-for- Christ in *Crazy John* (BIO JOH MAK).

St. Gregory the Dialogist tells us in his *Dialogues*, that St. Musa of Rome (5/16) was a pure-hearted child who lived in the fifth century. One night she dreamed that the Theotokos appeared to her surrounded by girls dressed in white and asked her if she wanted to live with them in Her court. When Mura said that she would, the Theotokos admonished her to avoid silliness and joking and promised to come for her in thirty days. Mura told her parents about her dream and lived a strict life of prayer. Within a couple of weeks, she developed a fever. Five days later she saw the Mother of God coming for her with the girls clothed in white.

St. Euphrosyne (5/17) was the wife of the Great Prince of Moscow Demetrius. She built churches and founded a monastery in Moscow. Upon her advice, Russia was defended by transferring the Vladimir icon of the Mother of God to Moscow during the Tamerlane’s invasion. After her five children were grown, she was tonsured as a nun, the first noblewoman of Moscow to enter the monastic life.

### **MORE NEW BOOKS IN ST. JOHN LIBRARY!!!**

- *Gates of Mystery: The Art of Holy Russia* (ART GEN GRI)
- *Orthodox Christian Parenting: Cultivating God’s Creation* (SPR FAM ELI) by Marie Eliades Anthology of advice from saints and ordinary people.
- *Tears of Repentance: True Experiences in a Greek Taxi Cab* (SPR LIV KAT) Collection of true events and spiritual conversations between an Orthodox cab driver and his customers.